

HB 573 - REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS FOR OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV's)

HB 573 accomplishes three things.

- 1) It includes definitions of new classes of motor vehicles, primarily OHV's - addressing the new "Utility" Vehicle.
- 2) It provides that owners of OHV's who only use them on private property may title the vehicle but will not have to register (i.e. license) them.
- 3) It provides a temporary license for non-resident OHV owners when they come to Montana to recreate and **SPEND MONEY!**

SECTION BY SECTION OVERVIEW

SECTION 1 – Pg. 1

Clarifies the definition for "off-highway vehicle" by adding "designed for off-road or all-terrain" use and adds the term "utility vehicle".

SECTION 2 – Pg. 1-2

Cleanup language only.

SECTION 3 – Pg. 2-17

- a) Adds definition of "mini truck" and sets forth that they are considered a "motor vehicle". Pg. 9
- b) Clarifies definition for "motorcycles" for highway use and those for off-road use. Pg. 9-10
- c) Clarifies definition for "motor vehicle" – cleanup. Pg. 11
- d) Clarifies definition for OHV's and adds "utility vehicle" - cleanup. Pg. 11-12
- e) Clarifies definition for "quadricycle". Pg. 12
- f) Adds definition for "utility vehicle". Pg. 16-17

SECTIONS 4-12 – Pg. 17-30

- a) Includes "motorcycles", "quadricycles", "OHV's" and "utility vehicles" in the lien and title sections of the code.
- b) Moves info on "certificate of origin" from Section 8, Pg. 25 to Section 9, Pg. 27

SECTION 13 – Pg. 30-32

- a) Providing for titling of vehicles used only on private property offered for resale. Pg. 31
- b) Includes "motorcycles", "quadricycles", "OHV's" and "utility vehicles" in this section of the code.

SECTIONS 14-15 – Pg. 32-34

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SECTION 16 – Pg. 34-36

- a) Allows temporary registration permits for vehicles owned by MT residents who have titled the off-road vehicle or snowmobile in another jurisdiction. Pg. 34
- b) Allows temporary permits for non-residents to operate on the highways if the vehicle is equipped as street legal but is not registered in the owner's home state or is only registered for off-road use in their state.
- c) Cleanup language to add motorcycle, quadricycle, off-highway vehicle, and utility vehicle.

SECTIONS 17-19 – Pg. 36-40

- a) Includes "motorcycles, quadricycles, off-highway vehicles, & utility vehicles" in the registration & license plate requirement. Pg. 36
- b) Exemption: If these vehicles, including snowmobiles, are to be operated only on private property they are exempt from registration/fees/license plates. Pg. 40

SECTION 20 – Pg. 40-44

Inserts these classifications of vehicles into the appropriate fee structure.

SECTIONS 21-23 – Pg. 44-51

- a) Includes "motorcycles, quadricycles, and utility vehicles" in the appropriate license plate (size) and fee sections.
- b) States that military special license plates may be used on off-road vehicles. Pg. 49

SECTIONS 24-28 – Pg. 51-58

These sections regarding bonding, etc. for businesses and dealers selling vehicles include "utility" vehicles in those requirements. (Utility vehicles being "motor vehicles")

SECTIONS 29-41 – Pg. 58-65

- a) These final sections regard operation and maintenance of vehicles including headlights, brakes, noise limitations, safety belt requirements, etc. and now include "utility" vehicles in those requirements.
- b) Provides for an effective date.